

# THREAT HIGHLIGHT

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## DEVELOPING THREAT

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## TERRORISM THREAT LEVELS



National Capital Region

CANADA ↔ MEDIUM

NCR ↔ LOW

↔ MEDIUM



Uniformed Personnel

LEGEND: Established ↔ Raised ↑ Lowered ↓ Remains ↔

A convoy of Canadian truck drivers and their supporters are travelling from various cities to Ottawa to protest a federal vaccine mandate for truck drivers crossing the Canadian-United States (US) border. They are expected to arrive in Ottawa around 28 and 29 January. (U//FOUO)

### BACKGROUNDER ON PROTEST CONVOY

The Government of Canada recently announced a federal mandate for truckers crossing the border to be vaccinated by 15 January 2022. This led to the so-called Freedom Convoy 2022 protest being organised through social media. Various convoys started across Canada on 22 January with the goal of arriving in Ottawa over the weekend of 28 and 29 January. (U//FOUO)

### ASSESSMENTS

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Canada

## Terrorism Threat Levels

Canada

← MEDIUM



→ MEDIUM

Threat levels as of 1 December 2021.

An act of terrorism **COULD OCCUR.**There is intent *and* capability from both domestic and international extremist actors to commit an act of terrorism in Canada.An act of terrorism directly affecting **uniformed personnel** in Canada **COULD OCCUR.**

- Intelligence indicates that an individual or group **within Canada** or abroad has the intent *and* capability to commit an act of terrorism in Canada. There remain individuals both in Canada and abroad who advocate violence and aspire to carry out terrorist attacks domestically. ITAC notes that inspired individuals typically act alone or in relatively small groups, and that attack planning can progress quickly, and may go undetected. **ITAC assesses that an act of terrorism could occur in Canada.**
- Propaganda identifying **uniformed personnel** as potential targets continues to be published online. ITAC notes there are indications of intent to target uniformed personnel in Canada. Notwithstanding, ITAC assesses that, at present, uniformed personnel are more likely to be targeted incidentally while performing their duties. **ITAC assesses that a violent act of terrorism affecting uniformed personnel in Canada could occur.**



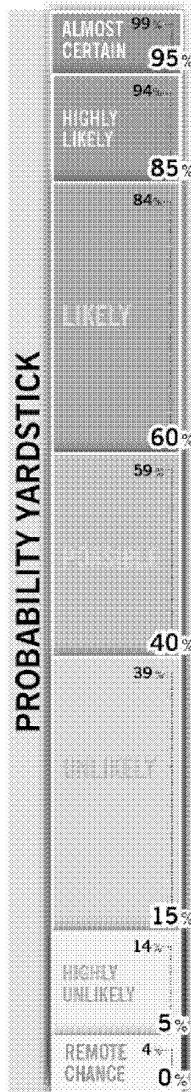
National Capital Region (NCR)

← LOW

Threat level as of 1 December 2021.(S)







ITAC's Probability Yardstick tool contributes to the understanding of the threat by providing readers with a common understanding of ITAC's probability statements.

## THREAT LEVEL

↔ established ↑ raised ↓ lowered ↔ remains

| LEVELS          | DESCRIPTIONS                                                                                                                                         | LANGUAGE                                                                                                  |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>CRITICAL</b> |                                                                                                                                                      | ITAC assesses that a violent act of terrorism is <b>HIGHLY LIKELY</b> and <b>COULD OCCUR IMMINENTLY</b> . |
| <b>HIGH</b>     | Intelligence indicates that an individual or group within Canada or abroad has the <b>intent AND capability</b> to commit an act of terrorism.       | ITAC assesses that a violent act of terrorism is <b>LIKELY</b> .                                          |
| <b>MEDIUM</b>   |                                                                                                                                                      | ITAC assesses that a violent act of terrorism <b>COULD OCCUR</b> .                                        |
| <b>LOW</b>      | Intelligence indicates that an individual or group within Canada or abroad has either the <b>intent OR capability</b> to commit an act of terrorism. | ITAC assesses that a violent act of terrorism is <b>POSSIBLE BUT UNLIKELY</b> .                           |
| <b>VERY LOW</b> | There is no intelligence indicating a terrorist threat.                                                                                              | ITAC assesses that a violent act of terrorism is <b>HIGHLY UNLIKELY</b> .                                 |

ITAC's Threat Level chart defines each threat level and describes the assessed likelihood of a violent act of terrorism. ITAC uses both quantitative and qualitative analysis in applying terrorism threat levels. Threat levels are determined based on several factors, including current intelligence, recent events, and the assessed intent, capabilities and opportunity available to terrorist groups. ITAC cautions that its information may be incomplete and, regardless of the threat level applied, a violent act of terrorism may occur with little or no warning. See Confidence Levels.

## CONFIDENCE LEVEL

| CRITERIA      | INTELLIGENCE                                                                                                                                                            | SOURCES                                                                        | ASSUMPTION                                                    | REASONING                                                                                        |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>HIGH</b>   | multiple reports; well-corroborated information; range of reporting types; historical understanding of the issue; good understanding of the risk of deceptive reporting | proven and accurate                                                            | few; minimal intelligence gaps                                | strong logical inferences developed through analytic techniques or repeatable methodology        |
| <b>MEDIUM</b> | multiple reports; partially corroborated plausible information; some historical understanding of the issue, some risk of undetected deceptive reporting                 | proven and semi-proven sources that have been fairly accurate                  | several, not critical to the analysis; some intelligence gaps | includes weak logical inferences developed through analytic techniques or repeatable methodology |
| <b>LOW</b>    | few or single-source reports; uncorroborated information; some historical understanding of the issue; considerable risk of undetected deceptive reporting               | semi-proven sources that have been somewhat accurate, or new, unproven sources | many; some critical to the analysis                           | dominated by weak inferences developed through analytic techniques or repeatable methodologies   |

ITAC's Confidence Levels chart outlines statements that accompany each ITAC product to inform the reader of ITAC's degree of confidence in its assessments. These levels are based on an evaluation of the available intelligence, the sources, and ITAC's assumptions and reasoning.

## TERRORIST GROUP CAPABILITIES

|                 |  |                                                                  |
|-----------------|--|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>ADVANCED</b> |  | Capable of sophisticated attacks, including against hard targets |
| <b>MODERATE</b> |  | Capable of high profile attacks against soft targets             |
| <b>GENERAL</b>  |  | Capable of simple attacks                                        |

ITAC's Terrorist Group Capabilities chart describes the capabilities of a terrorist group to conduct an attack in a particular country where the group has already demonstrated intent. This metric is based on the methodology used to establish ITAC's terrorism threat levels. For the purposes of this metric, capability is defined as "the ability, capacity, competence or qualification" of a group to perpetrate a particular attack.

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